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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION

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CESAR AVILA AND PIEDAD AVILA,

21 MC 102 (AKH)

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 01563

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ANN TAYLOR STORES
CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY,
BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTROPHE,
INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL
PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP,
BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION,
BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS, INC.,
ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL
GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL
TECHNOLOGY, INC., J.P. MORGAN CHASE
CORPORATION, KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO.,
MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., NOMURA HOLDING
AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES
INTERNATIONAL, INC., STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC.,
STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., THAMES
REALTY, CO., TOSCORP, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS,
INC., WFP

TOWER B CO., G.P. and WFP TOWERING B. HOLDING
CO., LP, AND WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P., et al.,

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

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